

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, For the past 130 years, the American Red Cross has worked to prevent and alleviate human suffering, both at home and abroad, in the face of emergencies; and
- WHEREAS, The people of the United States made generous donations to the American Red Cross to help the people of Japan when hit by a powerful earthquake, triggering a tsunami and leaving behind miles of devastation; and
- WHEREAS, The American Red Cross was also tested at home in 2011, responding to 137 large-scale domestic disasters – tornadoes, wildfires, heavy snows, hurricanes and flooding - across the United States in 46 states and territories; and
- WHEREAS, In response to these disasters, the Red Cross opened 1,019 shelters and provided more than 130,000 overnight stays with at least one shelter open somewhere in the country for 195 days straight; and
- WHEREAS, It deployed approximately 27,622 trained disaster workers, served more than 6.7 million meals and snacks and distributed more than 2.6 million relief items; and
- WHEREAS, The Red Cross supplies almost half of the nation's blood, teaches lifesaving skills, provides international humanitarian aid and supports military members and their families; and
- WHEREAS, Our nation depends on the American Red Cross, and the Red Cross depends on the American public to provide the support that enables the Red Cross to perform its humanitarian mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 2012 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 27th day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve and in the 220th year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

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ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE

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